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Sent: 1/18/2019 4:59:52 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]; Leopold, Matt (OGC) [Leopold.Matt@epa.gov]; Lyons, Troy [lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Molina, Michael [molina.michael@epa.gov]
CC: Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Hewitt, James [hewitt.james@epa.gov]
Subject: Fwd: this is the second case where we wanted to know if you've got a response
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Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Begin forwarded message:

Resent-From: <Press@epa.gov>
From: "Eilperin, Juliet" <Juliet.Eilperin@washpost.com>
Date: January 18, 2019 at 11:57:10 AM EST
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>, "Dennis, Brady" <Brady.Dennis@washpost.com>
Subject: this is the second case where we wanted to know if you've got a response

Dear Press Team,
 This is the other case, if you'd like to comment.
 Best, Juliet

From: Paula Maccabee <pmaccabee@justchangelaw.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2019 10:07 AM
To: Eilperin, Juliet <Juliet.Eilperin@washpost.com>
Subject: News Release - Did EPA Suppress Comments on the PolyMet Mine? U.S. House Investigation Requested.

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hi Juliet,

We thought you'd be interested in this important development regarding Minnesota's proposed PolyMet NorthMet copper-nickel mine and the failure of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to provide oversight required to protect clean water.

Today, based on documents obtained through the Minnesota Data Practices Act as well as conversations with confidential sources, WaterLegacy sent a letter to House Chairs Betty McCollum, Frank Pallone, Jr. and Elijah Cummings requesting an investigation of what seems to have been EPA suppression of comments on the PolyMet draft water pollution permit. A copy of this letter is attached.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would call me when you have had a chance to review this material.

Best regards,
 Paula

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